

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. 500320009-4

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Fuerstenwalde

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1. No training activity was observed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33) on 6 March 1952. Guard personnel was apparently furnished by the tank unit from the Pionier Kaserne. One officer and 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen several times marching to the Fliegerhorst at about noon time. Sentries there also wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No vehicular traffic was noticed. (1)
  2. About 45 soldiers receiving training in aiming with machine guns on mobile targets and 4 officers and 30 soldiers engaged in signal training with white-red flags were seen in the yard of the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse on 5 March. Three T-34/85 tanks,                      parked in front of a garage. Two groups, each with 11 men, receiving instruction on machine guns and 1 officer and 5 men engaged in practicing with a range finder were seen in the training area behind the barracks installation. Trucks                      were seen at the installation. 25X1
  3. Prior to 5 March 1952, the installation on Braunsdorferstrasse quartered about 300 officers and 1,400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Troops engaged in aiming practice with five model 1943 57-mm AT guns were seen in the training area southwest of the installation on 28 February. (2)                      25X1
  - (3) Motor vehicles                      were seen at the installation. 25X1
  4. Prior to 5 March 1952, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen was occupied by about 50 officers and about 200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. No heavy weapons were seen. The principal activity of the troops was driving practice.                      25X1
  5. Prior to 5 March 1952, the Pionier Kaserne on Gartenstrasse was occupied by about 160 officers and 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and black-bordered black opaulets. No heavy weapons were

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observed. Truck [ ] was seen leaving the installation. (2)

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[ ] 6. The camp near the Aufbauschule (school) quartered about 50 officers and 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets on 3 March 1952. Thirty caterpillar tractors and trucks [ ] were seen at the parking lot. Truck [ ] occupied by air force soldiers left the installation. (4)

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[ ] 7. Prior to 6 March 1952, the barracks installation on Breitscheidstrasse formerly Braunsdorferstrasse quartered an estimated 2,400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. A lieutenant and 20 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and with 3 x 82-mm mortars of model 41 were seen leaving the installation toward the training field. Troops practiced in the training area with rifles at squad and platoon level. A lieutenant colonel was seen leaving the installation. Two model 1942 M16-3 76.2-mm field guns were emplaced by about 40 soldiers near the athletic field. Trucks [ ] were seen at the installation.

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8. Prior to 6 March 1952, the Pioneer Kaserne on Gartenstrasse was occupied by an estimated 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Some soldiers had crimson epaulets. A senior lieutenant and a major were seen. Noise from tanks was heard from the southeastern section of the barracks installation. Between 30 and 40 soldiers were seen practicing with 3 x 37-mm AT guns. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation [ ]

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9. On 6 March 1952, the barracks installation on the road to Rauen was occupied by about 300 to 400 soldiers. (2)

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[ ] Comments.  
(1) [ ] on 27 February 1952 that the two regiments of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne had been entrained. [ ] The present information indicates that the two units had not returned prior 6 March 1952.

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(2) The present report confirms previous information on the occupation of the installations. The strengths of the units are believed to be 1,500 in the Pioneer Kaserne, 300 in the barracks installation on the road to Rauen and 2,500 in the barracks installation on Braunsdorferstrasse. [ ]

(3) [ ]

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(4) The camp near the Aufbauschule was reported for the first time. [ ] a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army, the GOFG and the air force, the installation may be a repair shop.

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